

### **REMARKS**

Claims 3, 5-11, 14, 16-22 and 25, 27-33 are pending in the application. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 9-11, 20-22, and 31-33 are allowed, and that Claims 6, 7, 17, 18, 28, and 29 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Regarding Claims 3, 4, 5, 9-11; Applicants have amended Claims 3, 5, and 9-11 to insert the word "computer" before "system" as suggest by the Examiner. Claim 4 has been cancelled.

Claims 3-5, 8, 14-16, 19, 25-27, and 30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Watanabe et al. (USPN 5,669,013) in view of Karp et al. (USPN 5,689,653) in view of Pawate et al. (USPN 5,528,550). The Examiner stated essentially that the combined teachings of Watanabe, Karp, and Pawate teach or suggest all the limitations of Claims 3-5, 8, 14-16, 19, 25-27, and 30.

Claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 6. Claim 5 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 7. Claim 7 has been amended to depend from Claim 3. Claim 4 has been cancelled as being duplicative of Claim 5.

Claim 14 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 17. Claim 16 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 18. Claim 18 has been amended to depend from Claim 14. Claim 15 has been cancelled as being duplicative of Claim 16.

Claim 25 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 28. Claim 27

has been amended to include the limitations of allowable Claim 29. Claim 29 has been amended to depend from Claim 25. Claim 26 has been cancelled as being duplicative of Claim 27. Claim 30 has been amended to correct a dependency; Claim 30 depends from Claim 25.

The dependent claims are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons given for the respective independent claims. Claims 4, 15, and 26 have been cancelled. The Examiner's reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

For the forgoing reasons, the application, including claims 3, 5-11, 14, 16-22 and 25, 27-33, is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable reconsideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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